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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

John Courtney

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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: